

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1. (Currently Amended)

A navigation device for displaying dated map data, comprising:

map storing means for storing the map data for a plurality of years;

specifying means for specifying a specific year of the map data to be displayed and
specifying specific data items from the map data that is to be emphasized when displayed;

first display editing means for reading the map data of the specific year from said map
storing means, and editing the map data to be displayed;

second display editing means for reading map data of a different year from said map
storing means, and editing the map data to be displayed; and

displaying means for displaying the edited map data of the specific year and the edited
map data of a different year;

wherein the edited map data from the specific year and the edited map data from the
different year are superposed on said displaying means at the same time; and

wherein the superposed map data, includes at least one of said emphasized data ~~item~~
items specified by said specifying means from a specific year, and ~~the displaying means displays~~
~~both emphasized data items and~~ normal data items from the different year.

Claim 2. (Previously Presented)

A navigation device according to claim 1, wherein the map data from the different year
includes the latest map data.

Claim 3. (Canceled)

Claim 4. (Previously Presented)

A navigation device according to claim 2, wherein the emphasized data items include road information, facility information, address information or telephone number information.

Claim 5. (Previously Presented)

A navigation device according to claim 1, wherein the map data includes data items and said displaying means displays emphasized data items in a visually weakened state.

Claim 6. (Previously Presented)

A navigation device according to claim 5, wherein the data items include road information, facility information, address information or telephone number information.

Claim 7. (Canceled)

Claim 8. (Currently Amended)

A navigation device for displaying dated map data, comprising:
map storing means for storing the map data from a plurality of years;
specifying means for specifying map data of a specific year to be displayed;
first editing means for reading map data of the specific year from said map storing means,
and editing the map data to be displayed;

second editing means for reading map data of a different year from said map storing means, and editing the map data to be displayed; and

displaying means for displaying the edited map data of a specific year in a first display area, and the edited map data of a different year in a second display area different from said first display area at the same time.

Claim 9. (Previously Presented)

A navigation device according to claim 8, wherein the map data from the different year includes the latest map data.

Claim 10. (Previously Presented)

A navigation device according to claim 1, further comprising: searching means for searching an updated portion of the map data based on the specified year and a data item.

Claim 11. (Previously Presented)

A navigation device according to claim 10, wherein the data item includes road information, facility information, address information or telephone number information.

Claim 12. (Previously Presented)

A method for displaying dated map data from a navigation device, comprising the steps of:

storing the map data for a plurality of years;

specifying a specific year of the map data to be displayed and specifying specific data items from the map data that is to be emphasized when displayed;

reading the map data of the specific year from the stored map data;

editing the map data of the specific year to be displayed;

reading map data of a different year from the stored map data;

editing the map data of the different year to be displayed; and

displaying the edited map data of the specific year and the edited map data of a different year;

wherein the edited map data from the specific year and the edited map data from the different year are superposed on a display; and

wherein the superposed map data, includes at least one of said emphasized data items which is specified from said specific year and normal data items from said different year, and displaying the superposed map data ~~both emphasized data items and normal data items.~~

Claim 13. (Currently Amended)

A method for displaying dated map data from a navigation device, comprising the steps of:

storing the map data for a plurality of years;

specifying a specific year of the map data to be displayed;

reading the map data of the specific year from the stored map data;

editing the map data of the specific year to be displayed;

reading map data of a different year from the stored map data;

editing the map data of the different year to be displayed; and
displaying the edited map data of the specific year and the edited map data of a different year;

wherein the edited map data of a specific year is displayed in a first display area, and the edited map data of a different year is displayed in a second display area different from said first display area at the same time.